

AGENDA

January 2020

Beginning My Family History Journey

1. The Doctrine – Why are we interested in family history?
2. Identify what level/step I am at.
3. Getting started
 - a. Ask a temple and family history consultant to guide me.
 - b. Gather Family heirlooms & documents
 - c. Gather Family Tree Information
 1. What is already available in my home?
 2. Visit *FamilySearch* to see what is already there.
 3. Ask Immediate Family for information that they have.
 4. Interview older generations, i.e. Grandma & Grandpa, etc
 5. Gather the information in one place
4. Identify the living bridges needed to connect me with my deceased ancestors.
5. Start filling out my family tree/pedigree chart, or fill in the blanks, as far as possible.
6. Keep notes/research log of my activities.

Assignments:

1. Create my own account on *FamilySearch*, or update preferences/settings if I already have an account.
2. Explore my Family Tree on *FamilySearch* or set up my tree by creating a bridge between myself (living) and my paternal & maternal kindred dead.
3. Fill out or Print a pedigree chart with myself as the first generation.
4. Fill out or Print a family group record with one set of my great grandparents as husband and wife.

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My Next Step Will Be?.....You Chose!

- ☐ Interview Family Members
- ☐ Organize my Family History
- ☐ Learn how to navigate *FamilySearch*.
- ☐ Learn how to use a 3rd Party Genealogical Program.
- ☐ Find names to take to the temple.
- ☐ Learn about Indexing.

Handouts:

1. Agenda
2. Pedigree Chart (blank)
3. Family Group Record (blank)
4. Ten ideas to involve families (*Turning the hearts of the Children to their Fathers*)
5. Questions for interviewing family members
6. "My Family: Stories That Bring Us Together"

References:

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3. Family History for Beginners:
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_for_Beginners
4. Helping Others get started with Family History:
<https://www.familysearch.org/ask/learningViewer/1934>